

TURKEY IS THREATENED
WITH U. S. SHIP'S GUNS

Cruiser Commander Active When Mussulmen Attack Crew of American Merchantmen Which Planned to Carry British and French Subjects Says Athens Report--Notified Tripoli By Bombardment.

London, Dec. 26.—Bombardment by an American cruiser of the Turkish port of Tripoli, Syria, is said at Athens to have been threatened on account of an attack by Turks on the crew of an American merchantman on which British and French citizens desired to depart.

The incomplete reports received from Athens say the threats of the warship's commander quelled the attack. The cruiser Tennessee has been in the eastern Mediterranean for several months, and was last reported not far from Tripoli.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Secretary Daniels today called on Captain Oman, commanding the armored cruiser North Carolina, to report whether threats of violence had been made by Turks at Tripoli against Americans.

The North Carolina and Tennessee both are at Beirut, Tennessee having gone there from Jaffa after depositing gold.

Paris, Dec. 26.—The only obstacle to Roumania joining the forces of the triple entente, according to the Figaro was the lack of guarantees from Bulgaria regarding that country's neutrality. The Figaro learns from a good source that these guarantees now have been obtained as a result of the joint action of the triple entente powers at Sofia with the further understanding that in event of Bulgaria deciding to intervene in the war it would be against the enemies of the entente.

DEADLY TRENCH FIGHTING
SHOWS LITTLE PROGRESS

Paris, Dec. 26.—An official announcement issued today says:

"There has been moderate artillery exchanges on the front from the sea to the Lys. On the Lys itself a heavy fog has made operations impossible.

"Between the Lys and the Oise we have repulsed several counter attacks of the enemy at Noulette to the west of Lens at Bousselle, northeast of Albert, and at Lihons, to the west of Cambrai, where a trench captured from the enemy was lost and then recaptured by us after a spirited engagement.

"Between the Oise and the Aisne, reports from this locality declare that during the day of December 24, a very strong German attack was repulsed at Chilly, to the northeast of Soignies. In the region of Perthes, the artillery silenced the batteries of the enemy, which were bombarding the trenches recently occupied by our troops. Two strong German counter attacks were repulsed during the night of December 24 and 25.

"In upper Alsace, December 25 was marked by perceptible progress in front of Cerisy. We reached the outskirts of the hills to the west of the town, where we held our positions in spite of several counter attacks. We occupy also the outskirts of Asprey, the valley and the heights which dominate Asprey on the west.

"Russia: The Germans who succeed in forcing their way across the Harna river to the south of Sochaczew were

DRINKING GUESTS OF CITY
HAVE BELATED CHRISTMAS

Every cell, every inch of floor and the sides of the cells in the city jail were filled with Christmas drinks yesterday and last night. Nearly thirty drunk cases were heard by Judge Price this morning and nearly all the defendants were either paroled or fined a small amount and liberated. One of the men was liberated early in the morning to get home in time to bring Christmas to his children a day late. He succumbed to the effects of the "mule" while on his way home yesterday with a load of toys and candy. Others of every description, from the "regular" to the young man—out for a good time, were present

LONDON AND BERLIN
FOOD PRICES ARE ADVANCED

London, Dec. 26.—The average change in retail food prices in London between August first and December 1 was an advance of about 17 per cent according to the board of trade's official figures. In Berlin according to the Prussian official statistician correspondence the advance for the same period was 164 per cent.

MADDO WANTS NOTICE
OF HIGH RATE EFFECTS

Washington, Dec. 26.—Secretary McAdoo last night issued a statement calling upon all shippers who have been affected by high ocean freight rates and scarcity of vessels to send facts to the treasury or commerce departments. Letters already received by the secretary said, show that the scarcity of vessels is so great and the freight charges are so high that Am-

THE WEATHER

Forecast for the week ending December 27, 1914.

Day	Temperature	Wind	Clouds
Dec. 26	30-40	W	Partly
Dec. 27	30-40	W	Partly
Dec. 28	30-40	W	Partly
Dec. 29	30-40	W	Partly
Dec. 30	30-40	W	Partly
Dec. 31	30-40	W	Partly

Precipitation has been general in Tennessee, the East Gulf and South Atlantic States since Friday morning and rain is still falling in Florida and along the South Atlantic coast. Hail or snow is falling in Oregon and Washington. The morning in connection with the "low" that has appeared off the North Pacific coast. Generally fair weather prevails throughout the remainder of the United States and in Canada. It is decidedly cold over all of the territory east of the Rockies, except in Florida. Freezing weather extends as far south as the Gulf States and zero temperatures are general in the Lake region and upper Mississippi valley.

INAUGURATION
BOOSTERS MEET

Various Committees Organize at Chamber of Commerce to Arrange For State Event.

SIMILAR TO FORMER YEARS

Ceremonies and Receptions Will Be Worthy of Oklahoma But Not Unduly Elaborate.

Active preparations for the inauguration of Governor-elect R. L. Williams and other state officers were begun this afternoon when a number of prominent citizens met at the chamber of commerce rooms and organized for that event.

The inauguration committee of which Harry W. Pentecost, vice-president of the State Exchange bank is chairman met with other members of the committee and of the chamber of commerce and discussed plans for the induction of the new administration into office.

While no definite plans have yet been announced it is practically certain that the inaugural ceremonies will be much like those of former years. Oklahoma has never had what might be called elaborate or expensive inaugural ceremonies and it is probable that the coming event will be no exception.

Governor-elect Williams has expressed the wish that the inauguration be made as simple as possible and has indicated that he will not approve of any bill seeking to impose the expense of such an event upon the state treasury. Mr. Pentecost however said today that it seems to be the desire of citizens of Oklahoma City and the state generally to give the new state officials creditable welcome when they are sworn into office on January 11.

No Disappointments.

They take the view that the governor belongs to the entire state and that he should be sworn into office with proper ceremonies which would be attended by features of entertainment that will save those coming from other parts of Oklahoma from being disappointed.

While no definite plans have been arranged it is probable that the governor will take the oath of office at a public gathering attended with other ceremonies and that other state officials will be administered the oath of office privately as has been the custom in past years. Following the inaugural ceremonies proper a reception probably will be given to the governor and all incoming state officials at the Lee-Hughes hotel during the afternoon.

Inaugural Ball.

At night the inaugural ball will be held which in all probability will be a brilliant affair with the retiring and incoming governors and their staffs and various state officials and their ladies as the chief centers of attraction. Harry W. Pentecost is highly skilled in arranging the details of inaugural balls having been in charge of all such ceremonies from the days before statehood and it is therefore considered certain that the evening feature at least will be elaborate and impressive.

There is a possibility that a street parade in which retiring and incoming state officials will ride, will be a feature of the inaugural event, but nothing definite along this line has yet been arranged. At the inauguration of Governor Cramer this feature was one of the most interesting especially to the out of town guests.

The business men of Oklahoma City are making every effort to present a most creditable showing for the capital city and to give the new administration a rousing welcome.

THOUSANDS SEE
BATTLE IN AIR

Christmas Entertainment Is Furnished English When Two of Their Aeroplanes Repulse German Flyer.

South End-on-Sea, Eng., Dec. 26.—The spectacle of a fight in the air, witnessed on Christmas afternoon by thousands of spectators, was one which few years ago would have been considered one of the wildest imaginations of fiction.

Three aeroplanes, one a German and two British were flying overhead at seventy miles an hour, almost a mile high in the air. The German Taube was moving more swiftly than the others, which swung above it. The British were splitting fire, while the German was unable to reply on account of the strategic position of her pursuers.

When the German first came in sight, the anti-aircraft guns fired several shots, but after the British aeroplanes gave chase it was impossible to fire without danger of hitting them. The spectacle lasted only five minutes. The German dodged and twisted in an effort to escape but the British would on both sides pour in rapid volleys. The speed at which the aeroplanes were travelling made the aim uncertain, but one of the British machines swooped down close to the German and pumped in several shots at close range.

The German returned the fire, but so far as the people on the front could see no damage was done on either side.

PHILIPPINE UPRISING
CHECKED; ARRESTS

Three Senators Who Are Fighting President



SENATOR JAMES A. REED.

Senators James A. Reed of Missouri, James E. Martine of New Jersey, and James A. O'Gorman of New York have begun a fight on President Wilson because he failed to consider their inducements of candidates for office in their states. Senators Reed and O'Gorman have been upheld by the senate, which refused to confirm nominations made by the president. The chief interest of the contest later centered in the action of the senate in connection with the presidential nominations of Irving C. Bland for marshal in the district centered at Kansas City, Mo., and George E. Hampton for collector of internal revenue for the southern district of New Jersey.

Senators Reed and O'Gorman have been at odds with the president on several occasions. But Senator Martine was once his chief champion. It was President Wilson's insistence which caused Martine to be elected senator from New Jersey.

Speculation in Washington by some

SUIT AGAINST
STATE IS FILED

Oklmulgee Gas Company Seeks to Prevent Enforcement of Legislative Actions.

The Okmulgee Gas company this morning filed suit with A. C. Doidge, clerk of the federal court here seeking an injunction against state and county officials to prevent the enforcement of the legislative act of March 26 and May 16, 1913 regulating the purchase and carrying of natural gas.

The gas company does not directly raise the question of the validity of the acts in question but claims that they do not apply to any corporations except to those transporting gas for hire or purchasing that commodity for transportation and resale.

The Okmulgee Gas company declares that it falls under neither head but that it was charged in the business of purchasing such gas only as is necessary to operate its own plant from which it distributed gas through its pipe lines for domestic and manufacturing purposes to the people of Okmulgee, Ok.

The defendants named in the suit are: J. E. Love, George Henshaw and A. P. Watson, members of the corporation commission; Charles West, attorney general; J. W. Childers, county attorney of Okmulgee county; J. T. King, trustee; E. J. Lambert, Thomas J. Both, H. H. Galtbrath, Winona Oil company of Bartlesville, S. P. Freeling, attorney general elect and R. E. Simpson county attorney elect of Okmulgee county.

The Okmulgee Gas company says that the Winona Oil company has served notice upon the plaintiff that it must immediately begin taking gas from the leases of the Winona company in compliance with the Carr bill and other acts of the legislature of 1913, which require all gas pipe line companies to purchase an equal amount of gas from each well draining the common pool.

The gas company says that it now has two years contract with the Alko Oil and Gas company to purchase from that corporation all the gas it needs for that period, that it has built lines five miles out of Okmulgee to connect with that property and that to be compelled now to connect with and purchase from other leases would cause it to violate its contract with the Alko company.

SEVERE SNOWSTORM HALTS
SHIPS AT HAMPTON ROADS

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 26.—One of the severest snowstorms Virginia coast cities have seen in recent years has halted shipping in Hampton Roads. The storm began early yesterday and many vessels are at their docks waiting for more favorable weather for departure.

AMERICANS SCATTER
NATIVES WITH CHAIRS

Quick Warning By War Department to Island Forces Prevents Attack By 10,000 Natives on Fort Santiago—Banished Revolutionist Is Leader---A Tax Measure Passed Quickly Is Unpopular---Details Are Lacking.

Manila, Dec. 26.—Eight Filipinos have been arrested charged with sedition as the result of an abortive uprising in Manila and environs Thursday night. Further arrests are probable.

From army sources it is learned that a general warning was sent to all officers Thursday afternoon saying 10,000 Filipinos in Manila alone were ready for a concerted attack on Fort Santiago, the Espana Cuartel Infanteria and the medical depot. Military units were immediately prepared and street patrol was started at dusk.

Constabulary agents, who are members of secret societies disclosed plans for the uprising, thus enabling the force of constabulary and police to disperse the gatherings at Bagumbayan, Pano and Navotas, near Malabon.

At Calocan a squad of American sailors seized chairs when a force of Filipinos approached a dance hall in which they were gathered and, using the chairs as weapons, routed the Filipinos of whom quite a number were injured. The rising evidently was poorly organized, and lacked leaders. It was composed for the most part of persons implicitly trusting the word of Artemio Ricarte, a revolutionist, who conducts a continual propaganda from Hong Kong, to which place he was banished by American authorities recently. Ricarte, it is stated, advised that the anti-American attempt be made on Christmas eve when American officers would be expected to celebrate the holiday.

Reports from provinces tell of minor risings and occasional violence, but details are lacking.

The situation today, from all appearances, is well under control. The foreign Chamber of Commerce, supported by the Philippine body, has issued a public protest against the legislature's adoption of amendments to the internal revenue law imposing additional taxes. The measure was introduced on the eve of the Christmas recess, and was passed without discussion and without giving the merchants an opportunity to be heard.

OFFICE GRABBING
TO BE ATTEMPTED

As the time for changes in the county officers approaches the people of the city and county are becoming more interested in affairs in the court house. A good many are wondering about what will be the result of the efforts on the part of those who were not elected to hold on to the offices.

It has been stated that District Clerk Kirby will endeavor to hold his office on recent court decisions, although no decision has been handed down in the court clerk case. The matter will have to be decided in court, no doubt, but it has already been decided once by the voters of the city and county.

James Beatty was elected court clerk, an office which many attorneys say was created by the legislature and for which the salary has also been provided by the act of the legislature. The supreme court has not decided the court clerk case and Beatty has been informed by attorneys that there is nothing to prevent him from taking the office.

The argument is also advanced that he was elected to such an office and that Kirby was not elected. They were both candidates for the nomination, Beatty being successful and Kirby being defeated. In the general election Beatty defeated his opponent and was elected to the office.

Grabbing for an Office.

On just what ground Kirby will endeavor to hold the office after having been turned down by the voters is not known, but it is expected that he will try to hold his place in the court house on the technicality that the other office, that of court clerk, was not legally created. It is even said that he will endeavor to do this without a court decision in the case.

Kirby is said to have joined with William H. Zwick, county judge-elect, who has already decided the court clerk matter ahead of the courts by the appointment of a clerk in his court. If the act creating the court clerk stands, then the appointment of all the deputies would fall to such official. He could confer with the county judge, of course, if he desired to do so, and accord him a voice in the selection of a clerk.

But Zwick has taken the matter in to his own hands and has not waited for a supreme court decision. He has practically decided that Kirby shall continue in the office of district clerk and by the appointment of a clerk in his own court has made the decision as final as he could make it.

There are various ways of looking at the present situation, but to those who cast the ballots the actions of Kirby and Zwick has too much the appearance of office grabbing.

Boh Partman, who finally secured the office of county clerk, to which he was elected, after a fight of nearly two years in the courts, announced today that he will make no effort to hold the office during the next term.

"I have been asked many times whether I would try to hold over," said Partman. "I have been advised by attorneys that such a thing might be possible. Many have urged me to try to hold over but as the people of the county know, I have had much

STATE'S TITLES
ARE NOT CLEAR

Ownership of Ground Purchased For Two Oklahoma Institutions Not Established.

Title to land said to have been purchased for two state institutions is not fully established, or at least is in a state of misunderstanding, according to information that has come to the attention of state officials. There is no likelihood of the state losing anything but statements made show at least that loose bookkeeping may have occurred.

Superintendent Johnson of the Taft school for deaf, blind and orphan negro children, has written the state officials about his school. Accompanying his letter is a tax certificate showing that E. B. Harris paid taxes amounting to \$30.88 for the year 1911 on the tract of 40 acres upon which the school is located and Johnson says he understands the state in 1909 paid \$6,000 for.

Make Abstract.

Considerable correspondence has been had recently about the title to the land, but little light has been thrown on it yet. It is understood, however, that an abstract of the tract of land will be made. The matter has been placed in the hands of the attorney general.

E. B. Howard in making his report relative to the land upon which the reformatory at Granite is built, says: "We call attention to the fact that at the location of the reformatory, certain lands were secured for its occupancy. The legislature of 1911 made appropriation to pay certain parties in Granite for some of these lands."

"We find that the then board of prison control carried out the provision of the appropriation by making payment in full on said land, but that there is in existence a mortgage held by parties in Kansas City, Mo., which was in existence at the time of this settlement, but which has never been released. We recommend some remedial legislation on this matter in order that the state's title shall be completely cleared."

Before Attorney General.

Relative to the land at the Taft school, Leo Meyer, former state auditor says it was his impression that the land was given to the state, and that he also thought there was a deed to it somewhere. Johnson says he was informed that no deed had been found as yet. Absence of a clear record of the matter, however, has caused considerable confusion coupled with the fact that some one else has paid taxes on the land since the state is supposed to have come into undisputed possession of the tract, and now has an equity in the place so far as a tax title can go.

The whole matter has been checked up to the attorney general's office and will probably be straightened out soon.

Indiana, Ind., Dec. 26.—Arrests of the so-called "higher-ups" in the alleged conspiracy to corrupt elections at Terre Haute, Indiana, featured today's work of the United States deputy marshals who last night arrested forty-six of the more than one hundred men indicted as a result of the federal grand jury's investigation into Terre Haute's last election.

The first of the more prominent men taken was County Sheriff Dennis Shea, who voluntarily surrendered. At noon he had not furnished a \$10,000 bond.

Circuit Judge E. H. Redmen and Mayor Donn M. Roberts went to the office of Marshal Storen, but declined to state whether they had been summoned.

City Judge Thomas Smith, John M. Masseling, city sealer of weights and measures and a member of the state legislature, and Maurice Walsh, county sealer, also surrendered.

Many Prominent Men Taken in Terre Haute Alleged Corrupt Election Conspiracy—Judge and Mayor Silent.